

For Seattle Apt and Condo Properties (5 or more units only)



Friends of Recycling & Composting

\$100 Utility Bill Credit, Free Food Waste Buckets, & Education!

What is a Friend of Recycling and Composting steward?

A Friend of Recycling and Composting (FORC, pronounced “FORK”) is the volunteer champion for a property’s recycling and food waste* programs. A FORC can be a manager, resident, or facility staff person who is on site at least once a week. The FORC monitors collection containers, hangs up posters, and educates residents about best sorting of recycling, food waste, and garbage.

**As of January 1, 2015, food waste and food soiled paper such as pizza boxes, paper kitchen towels and napkins are not allowed in the garbage. As of July 1, 2015, properties will be fined \$50 per infraction after two warnings. All properties must provide safely accessible food and yard waste cart(s) for residents to use, to comply with City code.*

How does our property get a \$100 credit on its utility bill?

Step One: Sign up a FORC with Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) by ONE of the following:

- Go to www.seattle.gov/util/apartmentfoodwaste -OR-
- Call (206) 684-7665 to speak with an SPU customer service representative -OR-
- Leave a message at (206) 684-8717 to request a paper application.

Step Two: After signing up, the FORC will receive a green FORC folder by mail. In the pocket of the folder is a pledge for the FORC to fill out. **The pledge must be returned to SPU for the \$100 credit to be applied** to the property’s utility bill.

You can preview the pledge at www.seattle.gov/util/apartmentfoodwaste but do *not* send it to SPU. Only the pledge stapled to the processed application in the green folder is accepted by SPU for the \$100 credit.

Allow two billing cycles after returning the pledge and processed application to SPU for the \$100 credit to appear on the property’s utility bill.

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How does our property get free food waste kitchen buckets?

When a FORC attends an *optional* training, the property is eligible for buckets for all units.



When are the FORC trainings?

Leave a message at (206) 684-8717 to find out the 2015 training schedule, and to register or get on the waiting list.

How can we get free educational materials for residents?

Order recycling and food waste flyers and posters (available in many languages), container labels, and educational DVDs (in five languages) by ONE of the following:

- Go to **www.seattle.gov/util/recyclingeducation** -OR-
- Complete and mail the yellow order card.
 - Included with annual calendar mailing to apartment managers/owners
 - Attached to the FORC information packet from SPU
 - Enclosed in the green FORC folder
 - Mailed to you by request. Leave a message at (206) 684-8717. Provide your name and full mailing address as well as your phone number.

Tip: For greater success with your food waste program, display the **“Now Available: Food Waste Collection” poster** in your lobby or elevators. Distribute the **“Food and Yard Waste Tips” flyer** to every unit. (Many languages available)

Do you provide free on-site training for residents or technical assistance?

Yes, on a limited basis for larger properties. Leave a message at (206) 684-8717. Please provide your name, phone number, and the number of units at your property.

Thank you for your efforts to improve recycling, composting, and waste reduction!

